

REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 8-13 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 5-7 and 14 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

Statement of Substance of the Interview

A telephonic interview was conducted by Applicants' representative with the Examiner on September 10, 2007. The Examiner confirmed that the amendments to claims 9 and 12, as presented in the August 27, 2007 Amendment had been entered for purposes of Appeal.

Allowed Claims

Claims 5-7 and 14 are allowed.

Prior Art rejections

All claims rejected over prior art (claims 1-4 and 8-13) have been cancelled.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

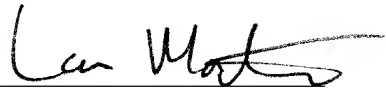
SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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